

BACK SEAT FOR OFFICERS

AT AMERICAN LEGION MEET

PHOENIX, June 30.—There is a great deal of confusion over the fact that no basis for apportionment of delegates to the meeting of the American legion at Tucson, on July 11th and 12th, has been given out.

A great many members of the organization object to what seems to be the plan of those who called the convention to fix the apportionment of delegates by counties so that credentials can be issued in proper form and there will be no cause for dispute at Tucson.

It is no secret that the non-commissioned men object to being personally conducted by a few officers, some of whom have political ambitions. This was apparent in the convention at Phoenix when the candidates of the officers were defeated by a vote of 65 to 19. The privates take the position that whatever the situation of the members of the executive force were to the army, they are on a basis of equality in the American legion, and they want to keep the organization out of politics and not permit it to be used as an adjunct to any political boom.

Neither does Maricopa county, which is charged generally with trying to grab everything, want to hog it all in the legion and a suggestion has come from men of the rank and file here that Andrew Martin of Tucson be picked to head the legion in the state. He went in as a private, came out as a sergeant and refused the opportunity to go to training camp and win a commission. There is a strong sentiment here among the privates and non-commissioned officers in favor of Sergeant Martin.

Outside counties are all at sea over the number of delegates they are expected to send and who will be given a vote on the floor of the convention. The high private in the rear rank will be well represented, however, and indications are that he will do the most of the voting.

YUMA-PHOENIX ROAD

IS CAUSE OF DISPUTE

PHOENIX, July 2.—"Everything will be done towards getting the Phoenix-Yuma road built that can be done consistently with the rights and interests of other portions of the state," said Governor Campbell tonight, with reference to the conferences which were held here yesterday on the subject of a Phoenix-Yuma-San Diego highway.

"To give Yuma county what it asks for would be unfair to the rest of the state," was the opinion of State Engineer Maddock, who continued: "Yuma contributes \$200,000 to the state fund each year, yet the people of that county want nearly a million dollars spent there. The proposal made yesterday by the Yuma delegation was to put up for this highway out of a projected bond issue of only 15 per cent of the estimated cost of the road. On the through highway Yuma desires to spend \$150,000 and obtain from the state and federal aid funds about \$700,000. It cannot be done."

CAMPBELL INSPECTING ROADS

PHOENIX, June 26.—Governor T. E. Campbell left tonight on an inspection trip of roads under construction by the state highway department in Yavapai county. The governor stated that he intended to give particular attention to the Prescott-Jerome road and the Prescott-Camp Verde road. He expects to return to Phoenix Sunday evening.

SEEK TO GET SUPPORT OF

LANE FOR IRRIGATION PLAN FOR VERDE AND SALT RIVER

PHOENIX, July 2.—Representatives of the Paradise-Verde reclamation project are in conference at Washington with Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, it was announced today. The meeting is the result of the report on the hydrology of the Salt and Verde rivers and the possibility of further developments of the water resources of these rivers, submitted by Homer Hamlin, consulting engineer of the reclamation service.

During the present conference with Secretary Lane, it is explained that that matter of soldiers' settlement in Arizona will be taken up.

Arizona to make every effort to develop production.

COPPER CO. TAX SUITS ARE

DISMISSED BY STATE COURT

PHOENIX, July 2.—The state supreme court late today reversed and dismissed the Inspiration Consolidated Copper company and the International Smelting company tax suits the judgment being a victory for the Arizona tax commission.

The corporation had appealed against the valuations placed on their properties and appealed to the Gila county superior court. There the assessments were reduced and the state and Gila county appealed to the state supreme court, today's decision being the result.

"The decisions of the state supreme court in these two suits are of the greatest importance to the state," said Charles R. Howe of the tax commission tonight. "An opposite decision would have thrown the state into the same condition which existed before statehood was attained and before any centralized tax authority existed."

"The decision that an appeal can not be taken from a state tax commission to a county court is highly gratifying to the commission, not that we object to review, but that review in county courts would militate against the efficiency of the state tax commission."

The decision of the supreme court handed down today was written by Chief Justice Cunningham and concurred in by Justice A. C. Parker, with Justice Ross dissenting in his view that he does not believe the law allows an appeal to the supreme court in a case of this sort.

The majority of the court held that under the existing law there is no appeal whatever from decisions on assessments made by the state tax commission on these types of property, and, for that reason, the case was remanded to the Gila county superior court, where it originated, with instructions to sustain the original decision and dismiss the cases.

LIVESTOCK AND RANGES

PHOENIX, July 2.—Summer rains have put in their appearance over parts of the range country, freshening vegetation and encouraging those inclined to fear that they might be delayed. Substantial showers fell near the border in the vicinity of Douglas and Nogales and in the southern part of Navajo county. Light showers have fallen in Gila and Pima counties. The conditions of stock ranges generally good; near Pinto where rain is badly needed cattle are reported as "rolling fat." In the immediate vicinity of the Gila where grass has matured and is dry stock are still in fair condition. In western New Mexico, where only occasional showers have occurred both ranges and stock are in from fair to good condition. The water supply for stock is reported as generally adequate but for irrigation purposes the supply for the smaller areas is generally short.

Crop Progress in Arizona

While the absence of rain in the southwest is looked upon by many as little short of a calamity it is not so regarded by those interested in the harvesting of alfalfa and wheat. The season has been exceptionally favorable for the growth and harvesting of both crops. Cantaloupes are ripening under the most favorable circumstances and have rarely been of better quality. Pima cotton is at a normal stage generally and in favored localities bolls are half grown. Crop conditions at higher elevations continue generally good but corn and oats would be greatly benefitted by rain.

BUILDS BIG RESERVOIR

TUCSON, June 28.—A notable private reservoir has been created by Joseph Menager, at a cost of \$13,000, in a country so arid that water had to be hauled 14 miles for the use of the workmen. The dam is 250 feet long and drainage is through a 210 foot tunnel. The reservoir will hold 20,000 acre feet. The water stored will irrigate 1600 acres 110 miles southwest of Tucson.

Grazing industry among Papago Indians will be aided by 50 mile barbed wire fence.

Miami votes against buying water system.

INVENTED THE DEADLIEST GAS KNOWN IN WORLD WAR



Had not the armistice been signed, the deadliest known poison gas would have been used against the huns. It was invented by Professor W. Lee Lewis, called from his duties as professor or chemistry at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., and commissioned a captain. Great quantities of this gas, named "Lewisite," had been manufactured and were ready for shipment to the battle front.

STATE SCHOOL LANDS

IN FOREST RESERVES TO BE HOMESTEADED

PHOENIX, July 2.—Action of great importance to the state was taken by the state land board at their meeting yesterday in the governor's office. At the suggestion of the forest service, the board voted to relinquish to the federal government all state school lands within the various forest reserves that are suitable for agriculture, so as to allow the government to have them entered upon and improved as homesteads.

The total amount of land to be relinquished is 6,222 acres located in six different forest reserves, and is at present administered by the forest service and not by the state land department.

In lieu of the land to be relinquished the state will receive an equal amount of land outside the reserves, which will be owned by the state land department and will bring in as large if not a larger income than under the present arrangement.

"This action of the land board," said Governor Campbell last night, "will result in the settlement of the land relinquished by homesteaders, which means more homes and more population for the state."

\$1,500,000 ROAD PROGRAM

URGED BY COMMISSION

TUCSON, July 1.—If the report of the Pima County highway commission is accepted by the board of supervisors, a bond issue for the construction of good roads in this subdivision, totaling \$1,500,000 will be called. The commission makes its report to the board of supervisors next Monday and from the present indications it appears that the verdict of the board will be favorable to the recommendation.

The roads decided upon favorably by the commission for inclusion in its recommendation, which connect with Cochise county's system, are as follows:

Vail to Cochise county line to connect up with Benson road, Class B, 18 miles.

Borderland highway, Class B, 32 miles.

JEFF MILTON TO MARRY

MISS MILDRED L. TAITE

TUCSON, June 30.—Jeff Milton, federal customs inspector in the Chiricahua mountains, applied Monday for a license to be married to Miss Mildred L. Taite, of Tucson. Jeff said he came from Florida, and his bride is a Tucsonian.

For a long time Jeff has lived in his favorite mountains awaiting for the right partner.

His application for a license was followed by a number of others.

MAVERICK HORSES

ROUNDING UP TASK

PHOENIX, July 1.—An important meeting of the state livestock board is scheduled to be held tomorrow at Flagstaff, the home of the chairman, E. H. Crabb. Dr. R. J. Hight, state veterinarian left today to attend the meeting, and it is expected that Jack Barber and L. B. Moore, members of the board will also be in attendance. Secretary Ed Stephens is already on the ground.

Dr. Hight is especially interested in the disease infection and of the action taken through co-operation of the state and federal authorities to eradicate the menace which has threatened herds of horses in Apache and Navajo counties.

A conference will be held with Superintendent Hoyt of the Sitgreaves national forest to determine what steps should be taken toward rounding up and destroying a large number of wild maverick horses thought to be carrying the disease. Hight will also seek the approval by board of claims aggregating \$1200, representing the value of animals which has been necessary to destroy in carrying out the eradication program.

One of the most important matters to come before the board will be the agreement between the state and the federal forest with reference to the work of exterminating predatory animals. This matter was taken up some time ago by M. E. Musgrave, predatory animal inspector for the government, but owing to the unsatisfactory form of the agreement as originally drawn it has not been signed. All differences are said to have been overcome, however, and the agreement will be signed, it is believed.

CAPITAL BRIEFS

PHOENIX, July 1.—State Treasurer Ross and his assistants are busy engaged in preparing a report on the financial condition of the state at the close of the fiscal year. He stated today that in all probability the report would be ready to submit to the governor in a week or ten days.

A much needed improvement at the capital grounds has been started in the work preliminary to laying a one-course cement sidewalk, eight feet wide, on three sides of the capital grounds.

FALSE REPORT IN REGARD TO NATURALIZATION.

A false report in regard to the issuance of declaration of intention for naturalization of Mexican citizens in Cochise county, has been nipped in the bud at Douglas, arising out of the recent trouble experienced by contractors on public roads in hiring Mexican labor.

It seems, according to the report received in Tombstone today, that immediately after a large number of Mexican laborers had been fired off the work, a number sought to seek naturalization, and had been refused the privilege of filing their declarations of intention by Clerk of the Superior Court J. E. James, and the report was widely circulated that the naturalization papers were being refused Mexicans in order to keep them from securing work on the roads.

Of course those who know the situation discredited the report, but what probably brought out the rumor was an instance several weeks ago when a Mexican, only 17 years of age, applied for first papers, and was refused, since he was not of age, the law requiring an applicant to be 18 years old.

To begin with, it is not within the jurisdiction of the clerk of the court to decide as to the motives of an alien seeking citizenship, and certainly not the intention of Mr. James, through whose office naturalization is handled, to keep anyone from becoming a citizen of the United States. On the contrary, while he nor his deputies are required to fill out, or assist applicants in filling out their blank forms, assistance is lent in many cases in order that no error may occur which would deprive the applicant from securing citizenship even for a few months.

Very heavy cattle shipments being made from all cattle points.

Tucson—Yellow Bird mine to have silver lead furnace.

TOMBSTONE ON NEW HIGHWAY OF SKY

Negotiations for the establishment of a permanent aviation field in Tombstone will shortly be started with local officials by Sydney Chaplin, president of the Chaplin Aircraft corporation, according to advices received today from the headquarters of this concern at Los Angeles.

Mr. Chaplin and engineers of the corporation are expected to take up the matter and go over a number of sites for the project, this city, it is stated having already been included in the plan of the Chaplin company as one of the thirty locations throughout Southern California and Arizona.

One field has already been started just outside of Los Angeles, known as the Beverly Hills airbase, covering fifty acres of land. It is being equipped, with ten hangars, two of which are now completed, a thorough machine shop and automobile parking space and ten of the latest type peace-time flying craft turned out by the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor corporation called the "Orion."

Fields for this locality and all others outside of Los Angeles will not be of such large acreage due to the fact that but two planes are to be stationed at each place. The land to be taken over for this purpose will probably be close to twenty-five acres.

The cities represented in Arizona in the Chaplin plan are Bisbee, Clifton, Douglas, Flagstaff, Globe, Mesa, Miami, Nogales, Phoenix, Prescott, Tombstone, Tucson and Yuma, and in Southern California, El Centro, Fullerton, Hollywood, Long Beach, Ocean Park, Pasadena, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Pedro, Santa Ana, Santa Monica and Santa Barbara.

It is the intention of the Chaplin people to carry on the advancement of aeroplanes in an extensive manner in the west not alone devoting their planes to commercial aviation but also to instruction in flying.

Mr. Chaplin has recently returned from New York where he was in attendance at the Aeronautical Convention, which was in progress throughout the month of June at Atlantic City, and during his sojourn in the east he was delegated exclusive distributor for this section for the Curtiss products.

Inter-city transportation, by aeroplane will be carried on by the new enterprise, a route having already been closed between Long Beach, San Pedro and Catalina Island. The main depot is located in Los Angeles and from this place commercial traffic will be carried on to all points included in the organization's plans.

The Tombstone Commercial Club has received a communication from Mr. Chaplin relative to making arrangements for a landing field in Tombstone, to be used by the planes on the route, and it is expected that a meeting will be called soon to select a committee to locate a field. The ball park has been suggested, being immediately near the city, although the matter will be definitely decided before the planes begin making their trips here.

STATE INSTITUTIONS

COMMISSION PASSES

PHOENIX, July 1.—At midnight last night the old commission of state institutions passed out of existence and under the new law enacted at the last legislature, it was succeeded by the board of directors of state institutions, consisting of Governor Campbell, State Treasurer Ross and Andrew Baumert, Jr., chairman of the old commission. Baumert's salary will be \$4800.

It is expected that when the new body organizes it will name as purchasing agent at a salary of \$4800, W. J. Donahue, of Bisbee.

The duties of the new board are almost identical with those performed by the former commission of state institutions.

LAND BOARD MEETS

PHOENIX, July 2.—The land board will meet late today to consider the proposal to throw open for homestead entry and settlement a large acreage in national forests. The forestry department has reported that the lands in question are suitable for homesteading.

BENSON BALL TEAM

OUTPLAYS STARS.

The Tombstone Stars went down to a fair and square defeat at the hands of the Benson team on the local diamond yesterday afternoon by a score of 13 to 19. The game was exciting throughout, marked with many poorly executed plays on both sides, but the Stars pulled the greatest number of "boneheads."

In the ninth inning the score stood 8 to 8 and another inning was necessary to decide the game, and the fans were wild. The Benson boys circled the bases until the diamond resembled a merry-go-round. Hill pitched a fine game for Tombstone, but the poorest kind of infield work was displayed. The Benson boys "blew up" on several occasions, but managed to emerge from the conflict with 3 runs over the local team. The Stars have lost the only three games they have played this season, and if they expect to continue to receive the support from the business men of Tombstone that they have received in the past, they will have to get out and practice, and come in on the winning end of the next few games.

Hill, of Tombstone, made the only home run, when he almost lost the ball, much to the consternation of the Benson boosters and the boisterous cheerer, Henry Elz.

Henry Elz, of Benson, played the game for that team, while "Doc" surprised the fans when he took the box. The "grand old man" emerged up in record time, and gave ample evidence that he was at home on the diamond.

The Stars are contemplating going to Wilcox to play the Fourth of July, but unless great heaps of actual practice takes place on the local diamond the next few days, they may as well figure on going over just to take in the celebration, which from all reports is going to be a "humdinger."

ARIZONA RAILROADS

TAXED \$100,000,000

PHOENIX, June 30.—Taxable valuations of the railroads of Arizona, as set by the state tax commission in its tables issued today are \$100,132,295, as compared with the valuation last year of \$98,260,463.

Thirty-five railroad companies are represented in the list, together with a large number of branch lines. Their total mileage is placed at 2462.08 within the state. The figures set by the tax commission are subject to revision in either direction by the state board of equalization, following the tax conference to be held at Grand Canyon July 21.

Cochise county shows the greatest mileage and the highest valuation, the figures respectively being 425.34 and \$17,217,854.

Gila county is given a mileage of 69.34 and a valuation of \$2,509,218.

Pima county's mileage is set at 173.12 with a valuation of \$7,958,351.

SOLDIER CLAIMS MARRIAGE

TO DIVORCE IS ILLEGAL

GLOBE, June 30.—Since the passage of the Arizona act prohibiting remarriage within a year after divorce, an act that closely follows the California statute, there has been a rather general evasion of the spirit of the law by remarriages in El Paso, Los Angeles and other easily reached points in nearby states.

This evasion, as well as the legality of the act, is to be considered in a suit filed in the local superior court by Ronald L. Osborn, who asks annulment of his marriage with Clara Louise Brown, a marriage consummated only five days after her divorce from Charles H. Brown. Twenty days after the wedding Osborn went into the army, from which he was discharged lately.

PHOENIX HAS HAY EXPERT

PHOENIX, June 28.—Phoenix now is headquarters for an inspector of the National Hay association, especially to secure a better grading than heretofore of the Immense Salt River valley shipments of alfalfa. Heretofore there have been only two classes; hereafter there will be five. This year's crop is considered much above the average in quality. Much grain hay has been harvested and the third alfalfa cutting is in progress.